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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, LE, SY, UNSC, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USE OF UN FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 865

1. WHILE THERE HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN INSURMOUNTABLE  
PROBLEMS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN FORCE IN SOUTHERN  
LEBANON, WE THINK THAT THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND HAS  
CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY TO WARRANT REEXAMINATION OF THE IDEA.  
WE ARE DOING THAT NOW AND WILL BE BACK TO YOU IN THE NEXT  
SEVERAL DAYS WITH OUR CONCLUSIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU  
SHOULD TELL BOUTROS THE FOLLOWING:

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-- IF LEBANON DECIDED THAT A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN  
SOUTHERN LEBANON WOULD BE USEFUL, THE LEBANESE SHOULD MAKE  
A PROPOSAL IN THE UNITED NATIONS. IN THAT EVENT, THE  
UNITED STATES WOULD LOOK AT THE PROPOSAL WITH AN OPEN MIND.

-- IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MAIN INITIATIVE IN THE

SECURITY COUNCIL MUST COME FROM LEBANON ITSELF.

2. FYI: THE INITIAL SUB-PARAGRAPH TALKING POINT ABOVE  
IS ESSENTIALLY THE ANSWER THE SECRETARY GAVE ON MARCH 1  
TO THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN  
REPLYING TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A UN  
FORCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. BE CAREFUL IN TALKING TO  
BOUTROS NOT RPT NOT TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS  
AN ACTIVE INVITATION TO LEBANON TO RAISE THE QUESTION WITH  
THE UN RIGHT AWAY.  
YOUR 898 HAS JUST BEEN  
RECEIVED AND WE WILL GET A RESPONSE TO YOU AS PROMPTLY AS  
POSSIBLE. END FYI.  
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